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[54] **BIODEGRADABLE POROUS CERAMIC DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR BONE MORPHOGENETIC PROTEIN**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed is a biodegradable porous ceramic delivery system useful for delivery of bone morphogenic protein (BMP) to viable tissue and to induce formation of new bone therein. The delivery composite is substantially pure BMP in combination with a biodegradable porous ceramic (sintered), e.g. beta-tricalcium phosphate, and may be prepared by admixing the BMP with the porous ceramic material. The composition is implanted in viable tissue where the BMP is slowly released and induces formation of new bone.

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